

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing an automatic service over a communication network to a user based on stored instructions by a user on a user computer, comprising the steps of:

a service provider automatically obtaining instructions stored on a user computer over said communication network, said instructions being associated with a digital media file stored on said user computer;

implementing said instructions with respect to said associated digital image file.

2. A method according to claim 1 where said instruction comprises instructions relating the sale of rights to use and/or reproduce said image.

3. A method according to claim 1 where said instruction comprises the purchase, use, or sale of an item displayed in said image.

4. A method according to claim 1 wherein said instruction was entered on a form.

5. A method according to claim 4 wherein said form is displayed in association with said image.

6. A method according to claim 4 wherein said form is stored remotely at the service provider.

7. A method according to claim 1 wherein the service provider recognizes that a digital image file has been identified for a service during a routine communication interval.

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8. A method according to claim 7 wherein an electronic form is provided to the user by service provider in response to discovering of the identified digital image file.

9. A method according to claim 2 wherein a metadata field of the identified digital image file is modified to reflect the data added to the electronic form.

10. A method according to claim 9 wherein the metadata field is provided in said service provider computer.

11. A method according to claim 9 wherein the metadata field is provided in said user computer.

12. A system for providing an automatic service over a communication network to a user based on stored instructions on a user computer, comprising:

a service provider computer for automatically obtaining said instructions stored on said user computer over a communication network, said instructions being associated with a digital media file stored on said user computer, said service provider implementing said instructions with respect to said associated digital image file.

13. A method for providing an automatic service over a communication network to a user based on stored instructions by a user on a user computer, comprising the steps of:

storing instructions on said user computer with respect to an associated digital image file, said digital image file representing an image;

a service provider automatically obtaining instructions stored on a user computer over said communication network;

implementing said instructions with respect to said associated digital image file.

14. A method according to claim 13 where said instructions comprises instructions relating to the sale of rights to use and/or reproduce said image.

15. A method according to claim 13 wherein said instruction comprises the purchase, use, or sale of an item displayed in said image.

16. A method according to claim 13 wherein said instruction was entered on a form.

17. A method according to claim 16 wherein said form is displayed in association with said image.

18. A method according to claim 16 wherein said form is stored remotely at the service provider.

19. A method according to claim 13 wherein the service provider recognizes that a digital image file has been identified for a service during a routine communication interval.

20. A method according to claim 19 wherein an electronic form is provided to the user by service provider in response to discovering of the identified digital image file.

21. A method according to claim 14 wherein a metadata field of the identified digital image file is modified to reflect the data added to the electronic form.

22. A method according to claim 21 wherein metadata field is provided in said the service provider computer.

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23. A method according to claim 21 wherein metadata field is provided in said user computer.

24. A method for providing an automatic service over a communication network to a user based on stored instructions by a user on a user computer, comprising the steps of:

a service provider automatically obtaining instructions stored on a user computer over said communication network, said instructions being associated with a digital media file stored on said user computer, said instruction comprises instructions relating to the sale of rights to use and/or reproduce said image;

implementing said instructions with respect to said associated digital image file.